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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 1700

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Junichi HANNA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1756

Serial No.: 09/679,538

Examiner: Shean Chiu Wu

Filed: October 6, 2000

For: LIQUID CRYSTALLINE COMPOUNDS AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE  
SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

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In reply to the Final Rejection mailed July 24, 2002, please  
undertake the following changes:

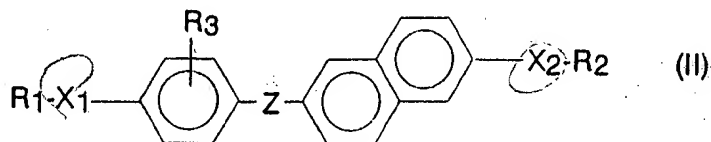
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IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 2 as follows:

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2. (Twice Amended) A liquid crystalline compound represented  
by the following general formula (II):

*Li*



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wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  each independently represent a straight-chain, branched or cyclic, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon group having 1 to 22 carbon atoms and may be attached directly to the aromatic ring without through  $X_1$  or  $X_2$ ;  $R_3$  represents a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, or a methyl group;  $X_1$  represents a sulfur atom, or a  $-CO-$ ,  $-OCO-$ ,  $-COO-$ ,  $-N=CH-$ ,  $-CONH-$ ,  $-NH-$ , or  $-CH_2-$  group;  $X_2$  represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, or a  $-CO-$ ,  $-OCO-$ ,  $-COO-$ ,  $-N=CH-$ ,  $-CONH-$ ,  $-NH-$ ,  $-NHCO-$ , or  $-CH_2-$  group; and  $Z$  represents a  $-N=N-$ ,  $-CH=N-$ ,  $-CH_2S-$ , or  $-CH=CH-$  group.